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GRANTS FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

BOISE – The State Department of Education will award \$1.5 million in grants to fund afterschool programs across the state for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. Now is the time for school districts and other organizations to apply.

The funding is available through the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program, which is designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities, art, music, recreation, sports, drug and violence prevention and youth development activities to students during non-school hours. The State Department of Education currently funds 93 afterschool centers throughout Idaho, which serve a total of 6,128 Idaho youth daily.

“Afterschool programs funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program in Idaho have a long history of supporting the academic success of students outside of the school day,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said. “These programs are ideal settings to help better prepare students for the new, more rigorous Idaho Core Standards and give them the support and guidance they need to graduate from high school prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce.”

School districts, municipalities, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and private corporations are eligible for these grants. Successful applicants will receive funding for up to five years.

Those considering applying for funding are strongly encouraged to attend a Bidder’s Workshop. The following workshops are open to any interested party:

- Monday, November 4: Moscow, Best Western Plus, 1516 Pullman Road
- Thursday, November 14: Twin Falls, Canyon Ridge High School, 300 N College Road, Room 301
- Friday, November 15: Idaho Falls, Compass Academy Facility, 955 Garfield Street
- Tuesday, November 19: New Plymouth High School Library, 207 S Plymouth Avenue
- Wednesday, November 20: Boise, Dennis Technical Education Center, 8201 W Victory Road

All workshops will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. All workshops are free. To register for the workshops or to download the grant application, visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cclc/grants.htm>. Participants are expected to download and review the application prior to the workshop. Grant applications are due **January 31, 2014**.

If you need more information please contact Camille McCashland, Program Specialist, at (208) 332-6960.

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